

AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT

The following abstract will replace all prior versions of the abstract in the application:

A relay set (1, 11, 23) for the optical system of a rigid endoscope, ~~said~~the optical system comprising an objective (20) at the distal end, an ocular (22) at the proximal end and between them a relay lens system consisting of several relay sets (1, 11, 21, 23), ~~said~~the relay set (1, 11, 23) consisting of two half sets (2a, 2b) having the same lens units (3a1, 3a2, 3a3, 3a4; 3b1, 3b2, 3b3, 3b4) arranged in symmetrical sequence with respect to the ~~centre~~center (5) of the set, ~~is characterised in that~~wherein each half set (2a, 2b) consists of four lens units (3a1, 3a2, 3a3, 3a4; 3b1, 3b2, 3b3, 3b4) having in the sequence of raising distance from the ~~centre~~center (5) the refracting powers Positive, Negative, Positive, Positive (P, N, P, P).